



# Near real-time air quality forecasts using the NASA GEOS model

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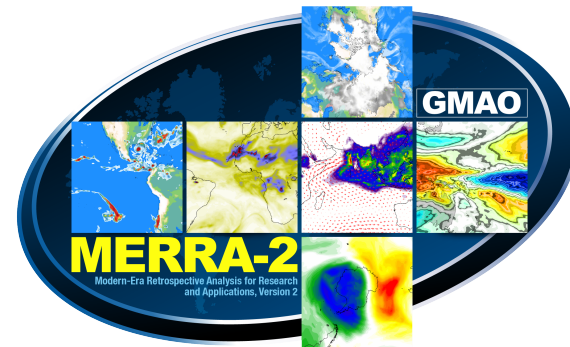
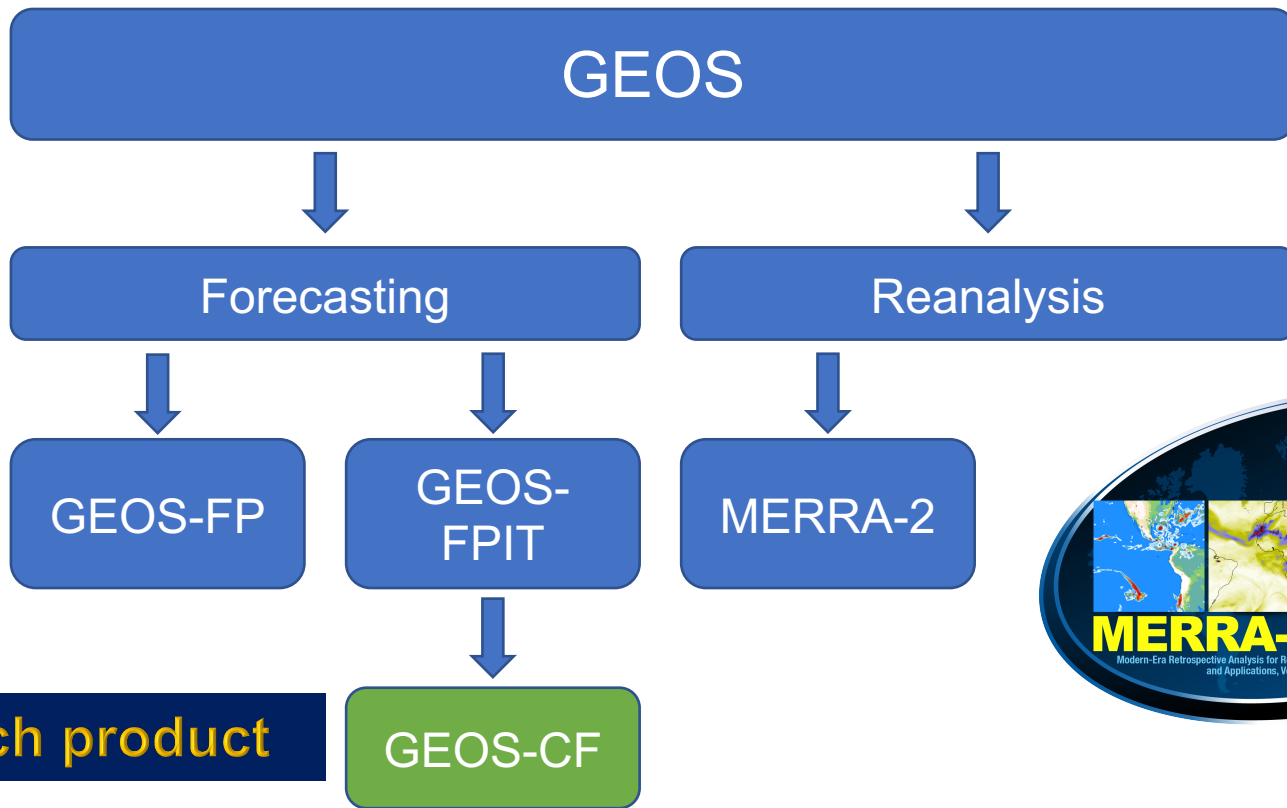
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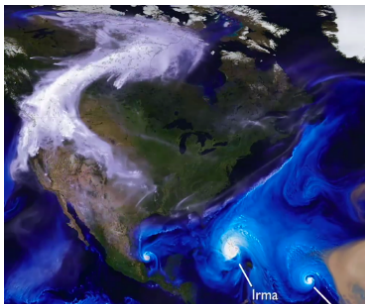
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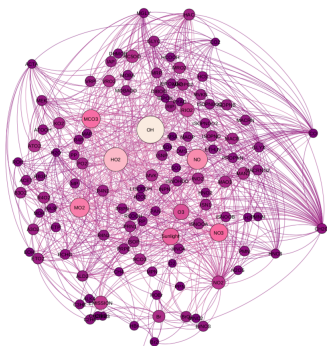
# NASA GMAO global meteorology and chemistry products



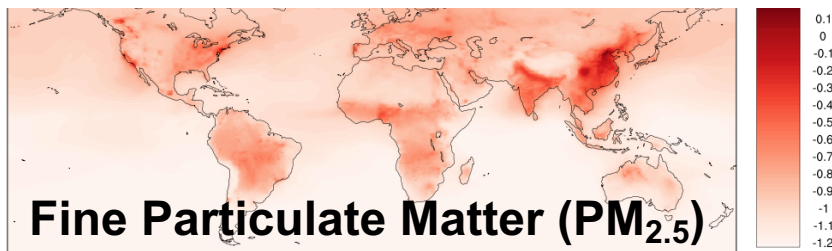
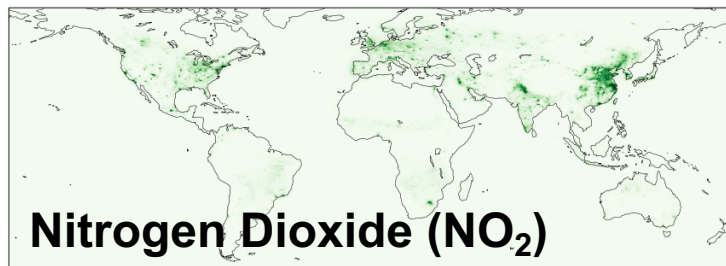
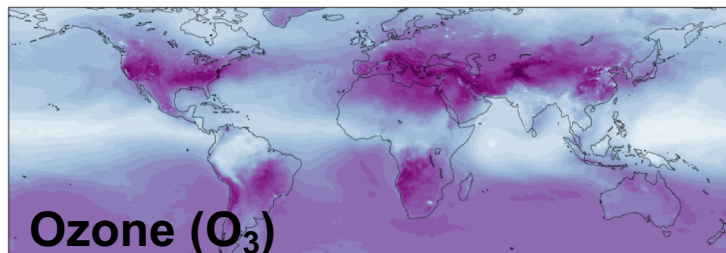
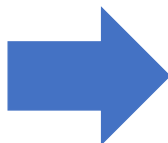
# NASA's composition forecast (GEOS-CF)



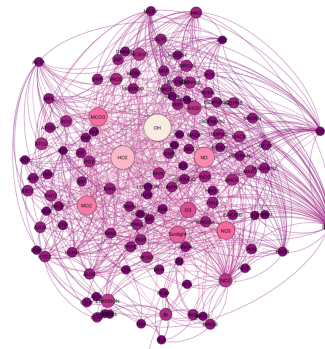
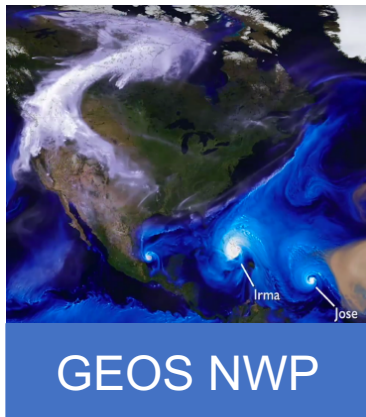
GEOS FPIT



GEOS - Chem



# NASA GMAO's Composition Forecast



**Research product**

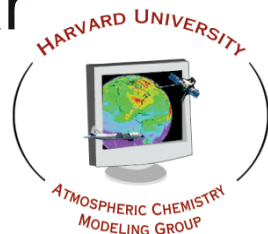


# GEOS-Chem is a state-of-the science chemistry transport model

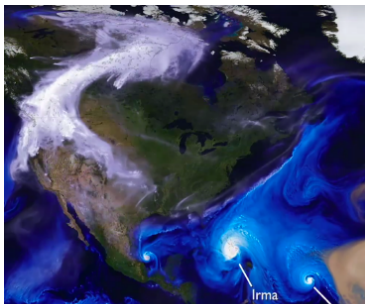
Tropospheric and Stratospheric full chemistry

- 250 reactive species, 725 reactions
- 100+ user/developer groups worldwide
- Updated version is released about every year

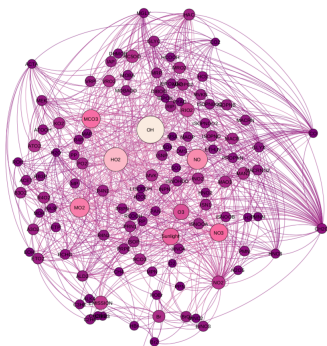
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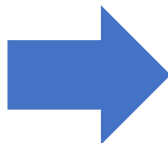
# Daily composition forecast



GEOS NWP



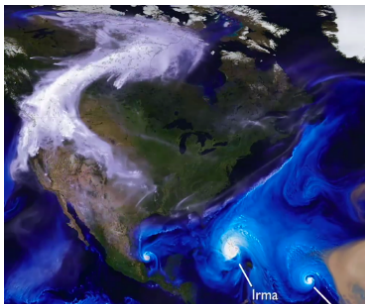
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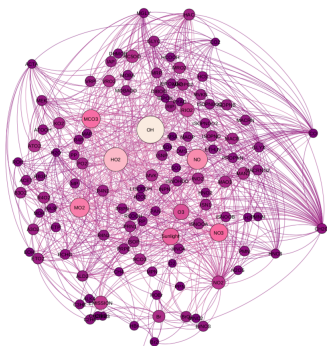
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One **5-day forecast** per day

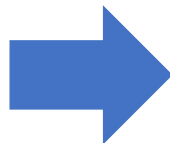
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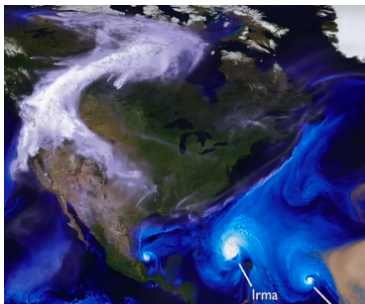
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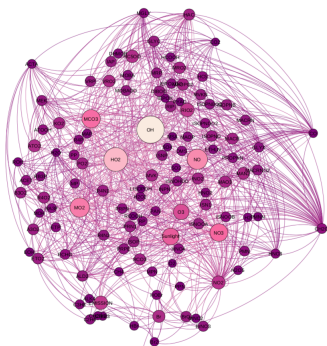
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- One **5-day forecast** per day
- 1-day hindcast “analysis”
  - 5-day forecast

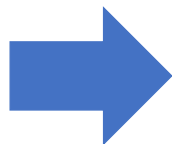
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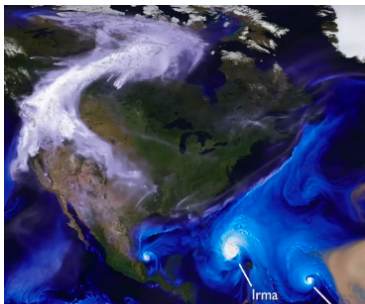


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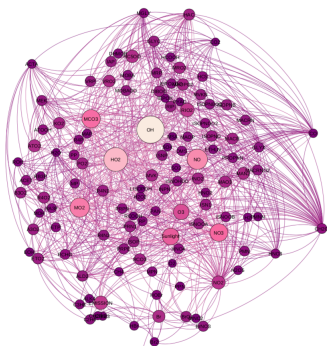
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- 1-day hindcast
- 5-day forecast
- c360 ( $0.25^\circ$ , ~**25x25 km<sup>2</sup>**) resolution, 72 model layers

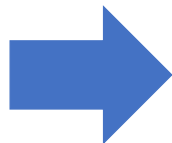
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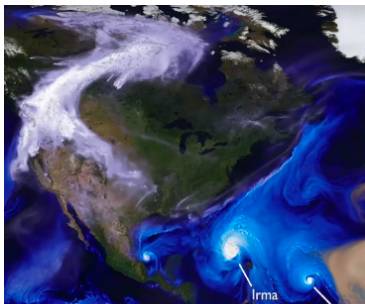


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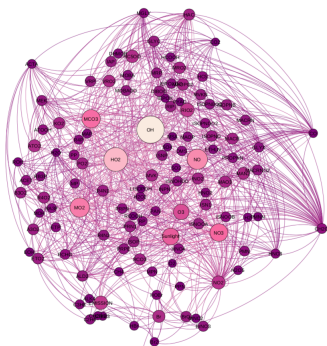
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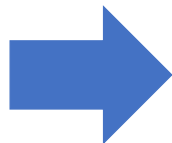
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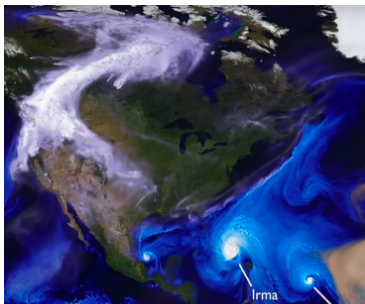


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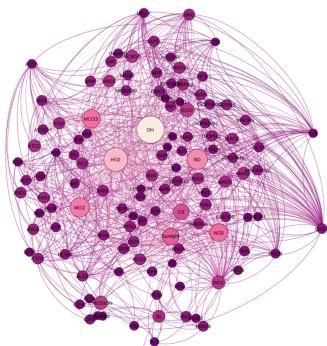
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- 1-day hindcast
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- c360 ( $0.25^\circ$ ,  $\sim 25 \times 25 \text{ km}^2$ )
- **15 minute** “surface”
- **1-hour** average and instantaneous 2D & 3D

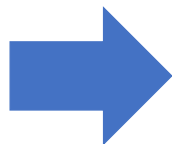
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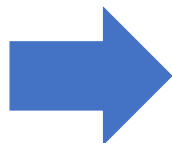
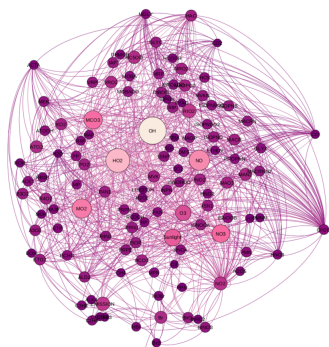
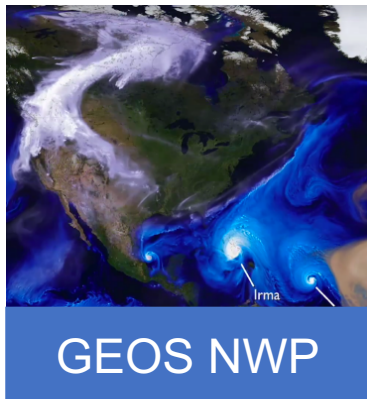
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# Chemistry is not cheap!



GEOS - CF

Run on **NASA's** Center for Climate Simulation  
**supercomputer**

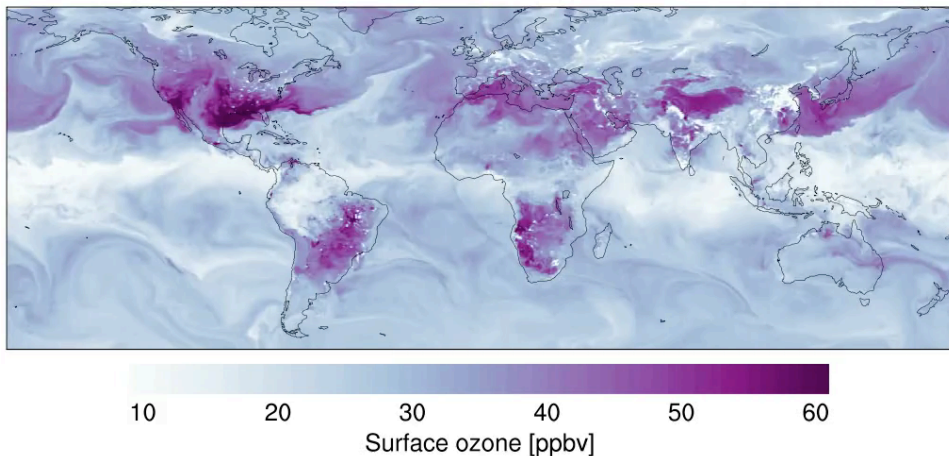
- using the computing power equivalent to **3500** personal computers.



# High-Resolution Global Simulation

GEOS - CF

2017-10-01 00:30 UTC

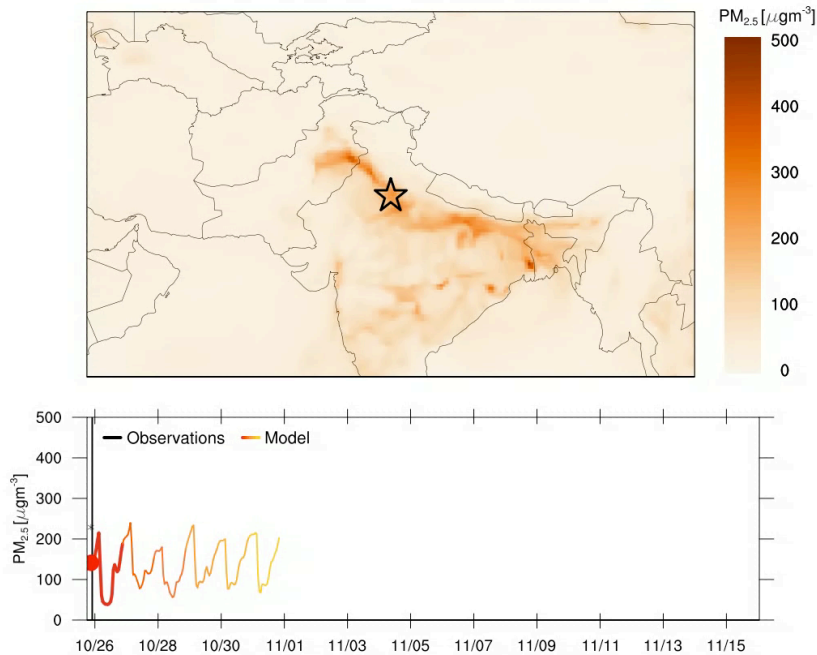


25 km x 25 km (16 miles)

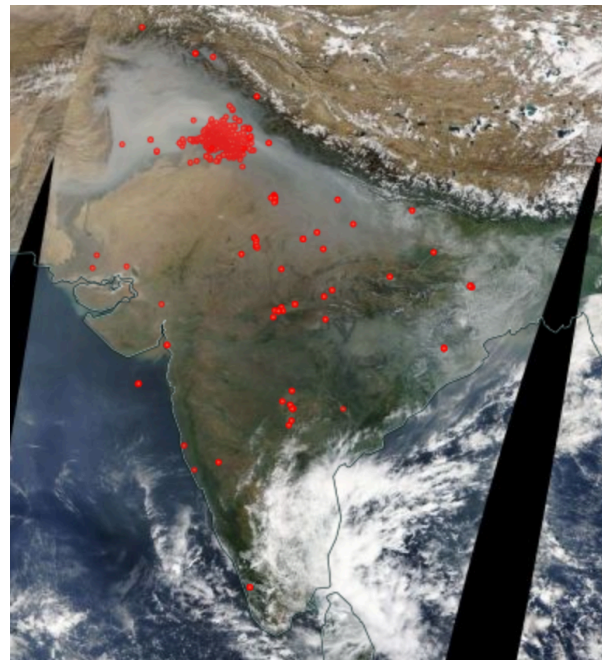
- **Highest** horizontal resolution of a global atmospheric composition forecast
- **10 x higher** than conventional global atmospheric chemistry simulations.

# Case study: agricultural fires in India

Delhi, India, 2017-10-26 00:00 UTC

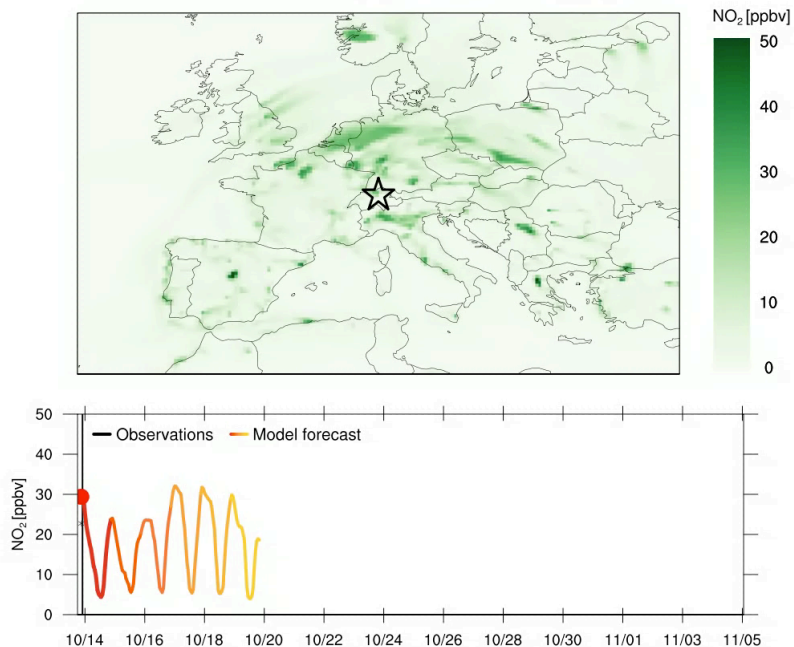


MODIS fires Nov 01, 2017



# Daily composition forecast

Zurich, Switzerland, 2017-10-14 00:00 UTC

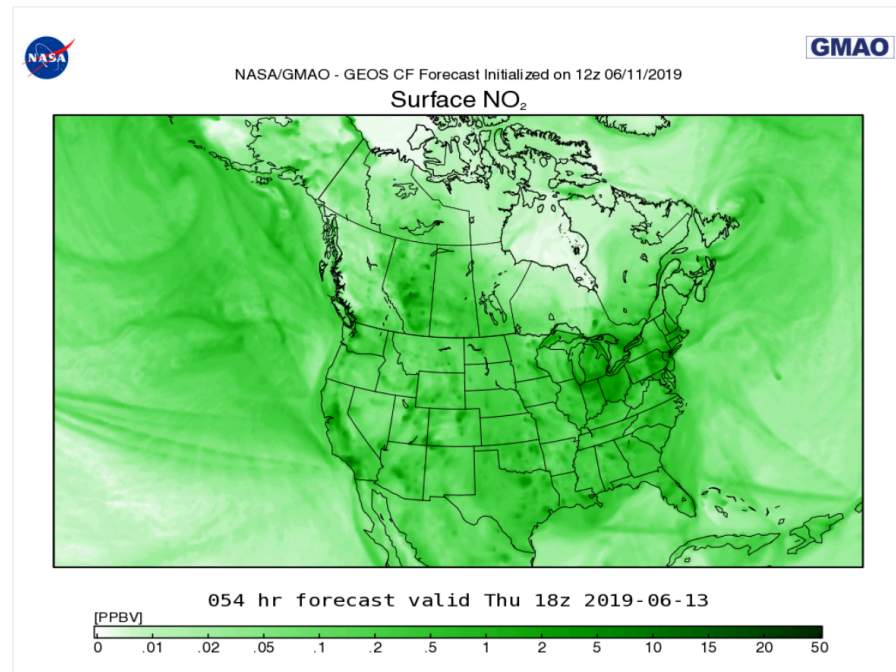
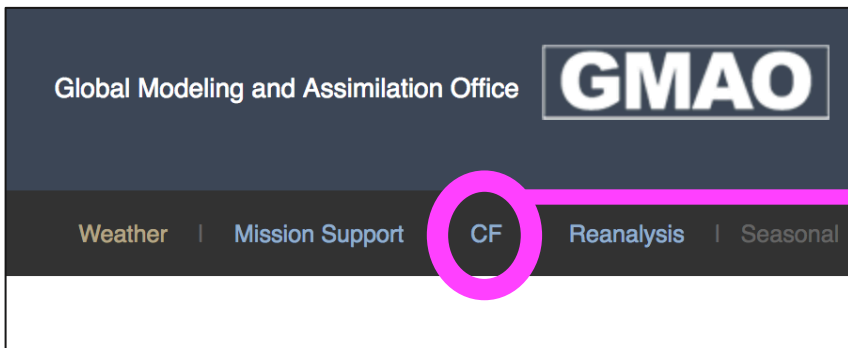


## GEOS - CF

- Annual emission scale factors based on satellite
- Scale factors applied to emissions for diurnal and weekly variations

# Where to find GEOS-CF

Output available at [fluid.nccs.nasa.gov/cf](https://fluid.nccs.nasa.gov/cf)



# Composition Forecast Maps

## FIELDS

CO Sfc

NO2 Sfc

**O3 Sfc**

PM2.5 Sfc

SO2 Sfc

## REGIONS

North America

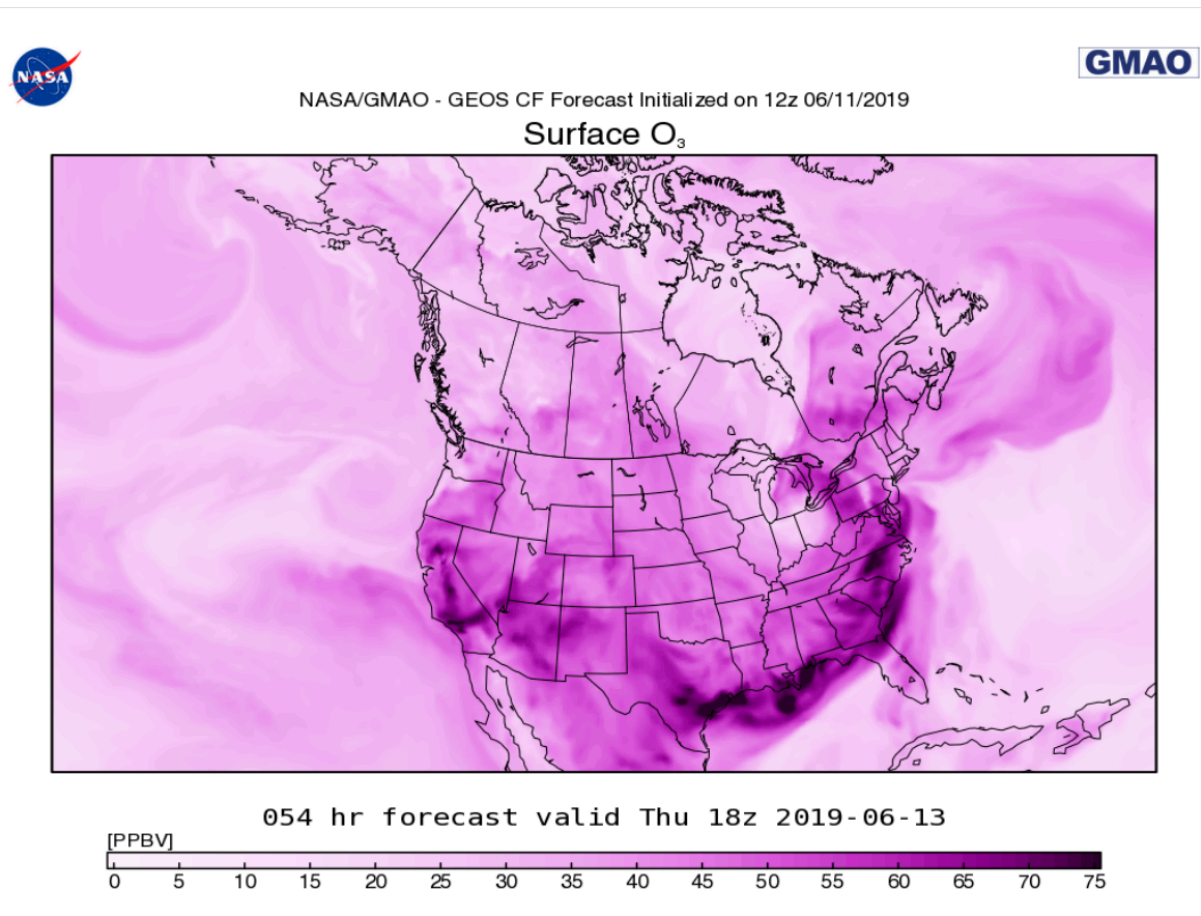
## FORECAST INITIAL TIME

11Jun2019 12z

## FORECAST LEAD HOUR

054h 13Jun2019 18z

Model  
forecast O<sub>3</sub>



## NATIONAL

Raleigh

## WORLD

Select a Station

## AERONET

Select a Station

## MEGACITIES

Select a Station

## ACTIVE CAMPAIGNS

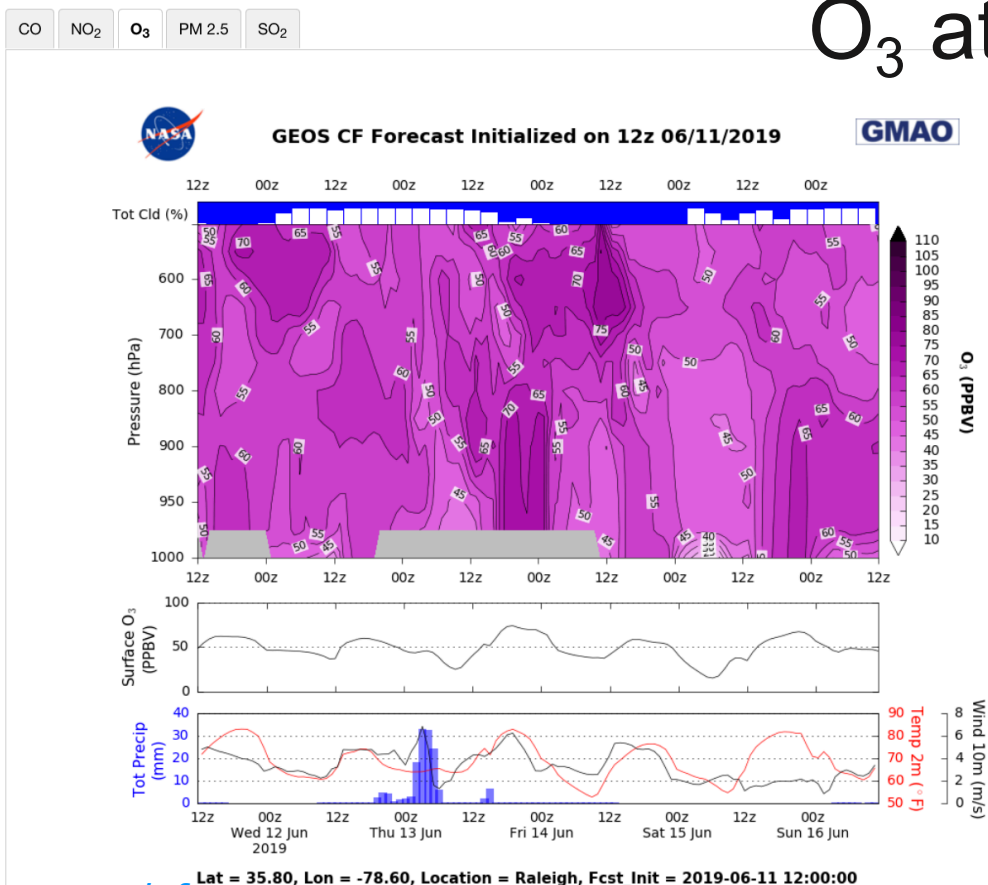
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## GMAO GEOS CF Datagrams

O<sub>3</sub> at Raleigh (35.80, -78.60)

# Model forecast

## O<sub>3</sub> at Raleigh

Vertical O<sub>3</sub>Surface O<sub>3</sub>  
Meteorology

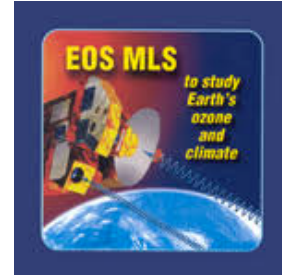
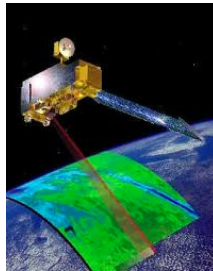
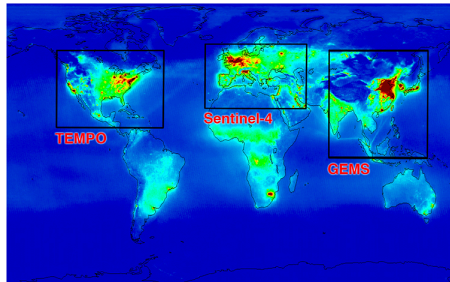
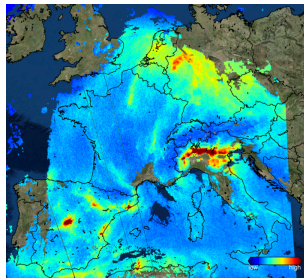


# Summary

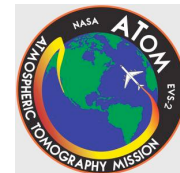
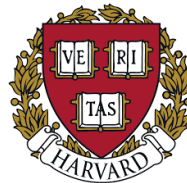
- GEOS-CF produces daily global air quality forecasts at 25km (16 miles) horizontal resolution
- Output available at [fluid.nccs.nasa.gov/cf](https://fluid.nccs.nasa.gov/cf)

## Under development:

- Assimilation system for trace gases ( $O_3$ ,  $NO_x$ ,  $CO$ , & others)



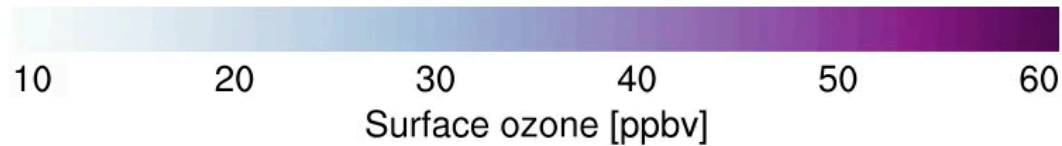
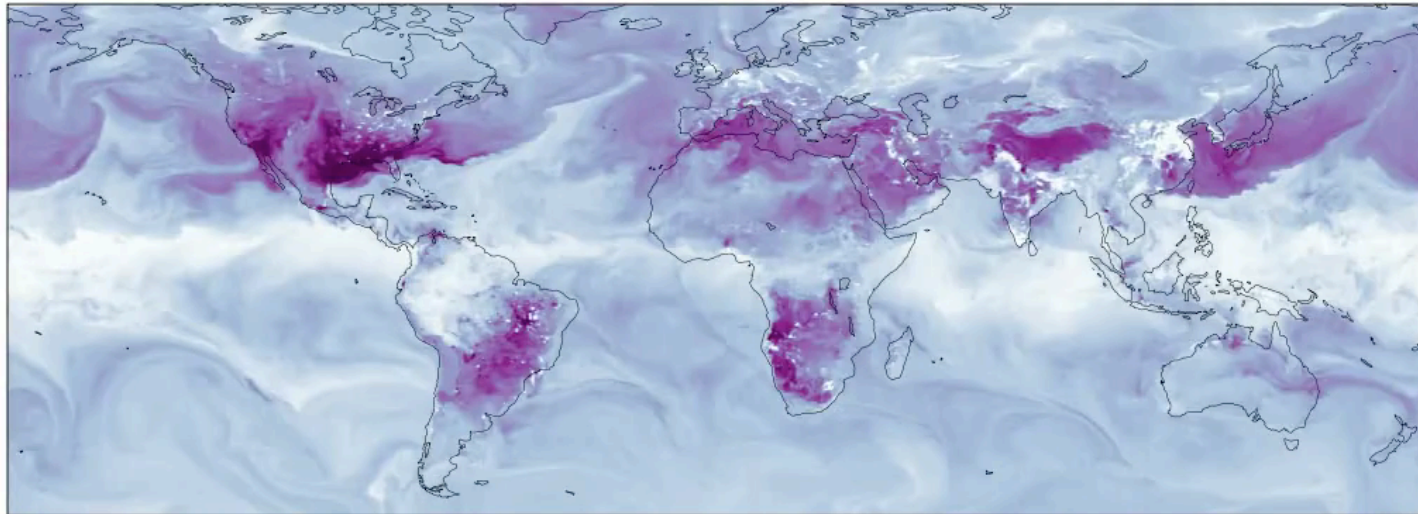
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# Thank you!

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